

## EastGippBUG

[www.eastgippbug.com](http://www.eastgippbug.com)

is an Internet based 'virtual' entity giving voice to issues affecting bicycle riders across East Gippsland, speaking with those who can affect change, and building advocacy for more and safer cycling.

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#### Bairnsdale Hospital parks bicycles.

Part of the recent hospital upgrade included adding 4 polished steel hoop type 'U' rails within a few metres of the main entrance. Well spaced and on a wide level concrete base. The bicycle rails are part of the hospital's 'Sustainability and the Environment' program. [www.brhs.com.au](http://www.brhs.com.au)

#### BikeScope - digging out the cycling conditions stories.

An initiative of Bicycle Victoria, **BikeScope** is an online survey tool designed to get in-depth information about riding conditions in a particular environment e.g. a local government area, a town or even a suburb.

Based on a user response to questions designed for a particular locale, it is showing real promise as a user-generated data source to add to other data such as census material.

This could prove to be a valuable, flexible and low cost way of getting information in a dispersed region like East Gippsland. The metro sites surveyed to date (Kingston, Yarr, Melbourne and Darebin Sth) have been based on BV member lists. This would not be a great help for more remote locations where BV does not have many members. A survey for East Gippsland for instance would need to use local print and radio media to alert bike riders that a survey is available.

Explore the details at [www.bikescope.com.au](http://www.bikescope.com.au)

#### Crap Cycle Lanes. But not in EG we hope!

CCL is the title of a very small book (133 x 133 x 16 mm) sub-titled '50 worst cycle lanes in Britain'. The work of the (regional) Warrington Cycle Campaign it is a humorous (yet very serious) take on many appallingly bad or worse so-called bicycle treatments on lanes, roads and pathways around the UK. So far there are few 'cycle lanes' in East Gippsland from which to pick any similar horrors, although some of the fading kerbside lane bicycle route markings could be raising the risk stakes. 'Crap Cycle Lanes' is worth a look, if only to see another approach to highlighting incompetent cycling facilities. Warrington Cycle Campaign can be explored at [www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk](http://www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk)

#### Off the Web. Some references.

"Yahoo encourages the use of a zero-emission vehicle owned by one billion people on this planet -- the bicycle."-- Yahoo! <http://tinyurl.com/26devr>

#### Sharing the Road

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/BicyclesPedestrians/CyclingSafety/SharingTheRoad.htm>

#### Bicycles and pedestrians

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/BicyclesPedestrians/>

#### If you like showing off your bicycle.

It's a curious site, about showing off your wheels, finding like minded cyclists, and discussions about all things bicycle related.

[www.meandmybicycle.com](http://www.meandmybicycle.com)

#### Making Cycling Irresistible

John Pucher of Rutgers University (USA) has just completed a paper titled, Making Cycling Irresistible: Lessons from the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany (to be published in the July 2008 issue of Oxford's Transport Reviews). The paper looks at how the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany have made bicycling a relatively safe, convenient, and practical way to get around their cities. The analysis relies on national aggregate data as well as case studies of large and small cities in each country.

Go to John's web site and check the second item down under Publications. Some other interesting material on this site.

[www.policy.rutgers.edu/faculty/pucher/](http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/faculty/pucher/)

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